



# WychwoodBenefice

Church News 24 June & 1 July 2018

*Our Vision: To build God's Kingdom here on earth as in heaven*

## SUNDAY 24 JUNE 2018 – TRINITY 4/BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

8.15am	Shipton BCP Holy Communion	Anne Hartley
9.30am	Milton Sunday Worship	Lay Led
11.00am	Shipton Holy Communion with Baptism	Anne Hartley
11.00am	Fifield BCP Patronal Holy Communion	Elizabeth Koepping

### PRAYERS AND READINGS

**Birth of John the Baptist Collect** Almighty God, by whose providence your servant John the Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way of your Son our Saviour by the preaching of repentance: lead us to repent according to his preaching and, after his example, constantly to speak the truth, boldly to rebuke vice, and patiently to suffer for the truth's sake; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

**Birth of John the Baptist Post Communion** Merciful Lord, whose prophet John the Baptist proclaimed your Son as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world: grant that we who in this sacrament have known your forgiveness and your life-giving love may ever tell of your mercy and your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Readings:** Psalm 85.7-13, Galatians 3.23-29, Luke 1.57-66,80.

**Trinity 4 Collect** Gracious Father, by the obedience of Jesus you brought salvation to our wayward world: draw us into harmony with your will, that we may find all things restored in him, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

**Trinity 4 Post Communion** Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Trinity 4 Readings:** 2 Corinthians 6.1-13, Mark 4.35-41.

**Open Doors Prayers** Indonesia: Thank God for the continued recovery of Trinity, Alvaro and Anita, injured in a church bomb attack. Watch a clip of Trinity singing by going to [www.opendoorsuk.org/prayernews](http://www.opendoorsuk.org/prayernews).

**Prayer List:** Hostage John Cantlie, Graham Harris and Arthur Hunt.

**Baptism:** Chester Swain will be baptised in Shipton Church on 24 June.

**Weddings and Banns:** Banns will be read for Chloe Bennington and Craig Wood on 3, 10 and 24 June. They are getting married in Shipton on 19 August. Banns will be read in Milton Church on 10, 17 and 24 June for Robert Statham and Victoria Fleck who are getting married on 20 July at All Saints, Churchill.

**R.I.P.** Peter Elliott and David Melling.

**Funerals:** Peter Elliott's funeral is on Tuesday 3 July 11am, Shipton Church.

**Deanery:** 24 June: The Deanery: Please pray for Lay Chair Alan Kennedy.

1 July: The Deanery: Please pray for Area Dean Sally Welch.

## SUNDAY 1 JULY 2018 - TRINITY 5

11.00am      Shipton United Benefice Holy Communion      Anne Hartley

### PRAYERS AND READINGS

**Collect** Almighty God, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Post Communion** Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Open Doors Prayers** Please pray for the people of Pakistan. It is numbered 5 on the Open Doors Watch List. Christians face daily discrimination and frequent violent attacks. Please ask God to protect them.

**Readings:** 2 Corinthians 8.7-15, Mark 5.21-43 (Year B).

### NOTICES

#### New Vicar Update

Applications for the vacancy have closed and the panel has invited two candidates for interview on 5 July. The day will start with a Eucharist officiated by the Bishop of Dorchester at 8.30am in Milton Church, which is open to all. The service will be followed by a coffee and a chance for an informal chat in the church with the candidates. Please come along to meet them.

## **Pilgrimage to Holy Land**

From 13<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2019, Rev Sally Welch will be leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, visiting Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth and the Sea of Galilee. There is an introduction to the tour for those interested in coming on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 7pm in St Mary's Church, Charlbury. All are welcome to come and find out more.

## **Helpers needed with children's activities for Milton Fete Sat 7 July**

If anyone is able to help on the day – even just for a bit, please get in touch with Kathleen Walker [kmwalker109@gmail.com](mailto:kmwalker109@gmail.com).

## **Mothers Union Lunch Tues. 14<sup>th</sup> August 12.30pm/1pm Benefice Centre**

£12 for a 3 course lunch with coffee/tea and chocolates. Please contact Kathleen Walker for tickets [kmwalker109@gmail.com](mailto:kmwalker109@gmail.com) or phone Anne Wilkin 830902.

## **Commemorative Memorial in Shipton**

Plans at Shipton are progressing for a commemorative memorial in the churchyard of Welsh slate. The memorial will have space for the names of those whose ashes have been strewn on the bank in the churchyard. The one-off cost for a lasting entry is yet to be finalised, but in the region of £450. Anyone interested in having a lasting memorial of a loved one in this way should contact the Benefice Office. Illustrations of the design will also be in the Benefice Office.

## **Witney Inter-Church Singers proudly present: How great is our God!**

A concert of two halves: 'Greater than gold' by Roger Jones; the heart-warming musical of Mary Jones and her Bible. A selection of Christian music ranging from 'God so loved the world' to John Rutter's version of 'Oh when the saints go marching in.' Witney Congregational church, Sat. 23rd June 7.30pm & Sun. 24 June 6.30pm. Tkts £7.50 St. Andrew's bookshop or Bob Forster (831596).

## **Open Gardens**

Two lovely contrasting gardens in Shipton will be open on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July between 2pm and 4.30pm. Hunters Lodge in the High Street, OX7 6DG and The Nook, Station Road, OX7 6BQ.

Teas and cakes will be available at Hunters Lodge and there will be a Plant Sale at The Nook. Parking available at FWP Matthews Ltd and the New Beaconsfield Hall. Limited parking in Mawles Lane opposite Hunters Lodge.

Suggested donation £5 per person covers both gardens, children under 12 free.

Contact telephone: 0845 8056804 [www.wychwoodwildgarden.org.uk/news.html](http://www.wychwoodwildgarden.org.uk/news.html)



## Pilgrim Path Guided Walks 2018

The next Pilgrim Path guided walk will be on:

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2pm**

St Michael and All Angels Great Tew (OX7 4AG) to  
St John the Evangelist Little Tew - 4 miles

Please meet at the church and bring refreshments.

Adventures on your doorstep for you to share with family and friends. Guided circular walks, led by experienced walkers offering reflections and insights.

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**Readings Sunday 8 July Trinity 6 2 Corinthians 12.2-10, Mark 6.1-13.**

## Prayer for the Benefice during the vacancy

Heavenly Father,

During this vacancy, we pray that you guard and bless our Wychwood Benefice as we serve you together during this time without a vicar.

Lord Jesus, We know that you have great plans for us. Help us all to take our part, growing in faith and love for one another, and reaching out to others.

Holy Spirit, Guide those who are seeking the right person for us, together with those who are seeking the right place for their ministry, that together we may discover your way for the future and see your kingdom grow. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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